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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 29TH UNGA

REF: (A) STATE 196841;

(B) RABAT 4421

1. KOREAN AMBASSADOR URGENTLY REQUESTED MEETING WITH ME
SEPT 18 TO DISCUSS CURRENT MOROCCAN ATTITUDE ON FRIENDLY
DRAFT RESOLUTION. HE SAID FONMIN LARAKI HAD TOLD ROKG
DURING RECENT VISIT TO SEOUL AND RECONFIRMED TO KOREAN AMB
SEPT 18 THAT MOROCCO WOULD VOTE IN FAVOR OF FRIENDLY
RESOLUTION. KOREAN AMB SAID HE HAD REQUESTED OF LARAKI
THAT GOM GO EVEN FURTHER AND COSPONSOR RESOLUTION. LARAKI
HAD REPLIED HE WOULD CONSIDER THIS IDEA BUT MADE CASE
THAT MOROCCO COULD MORE SUCCESSFULLY WORK AMONG FELLOW
ARABS IN FAVOR OF RESOLUTION IF IT NOT SO CLOSELY IDENTIFIED
WITH RESOLUTION AS WOULD BE CASE IF GOM COSPONSORED.
LARAKI HAD ALSO INDICATED TO KOREAN AMB THAT GOM WOULD
CONSULT WITH SAUDI ARABIA AND TUNISIA ON COSPONSORSHIP
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QUESTION, THESE BEING ARAB STATES ALONG WITH MOROCCO

MOST FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD ROK.

2. KOREAN AMB SAID HE UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE FROM HIS FONMIN (WHO IN NEW YORK) TO SEEK MOROCCAN COSPONSORSHIP, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT SPONSORSHIP OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION BY 10 ARAB STATES. REPLYING TO HIS QUESTIONS RE NATURE OF MY INSTRUCTIONS ON KOREAN QUESTION, I INDICATED EMBASSY HAD RAISED MATTER AT MFA BELOW FONMIN LEVEL (REFTEL B), BUT THAT WE HAD NOT HEARD ABOUT EFFORTS TO GAIN MOROCCAN COSPONSORSHIP. I EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW THAT MOROCCAN COSPONSORSHIP NO DOUBT AN IDEAL TO WORK TOWARD, AND THAT IT WOULD SERVE TO PIN DOWN POSITIVE GOM POSITION. NEVERTHELESS, AFFIRMATIVE VOTE WOULD IN ITSELF ALREADY BE MAJOR STEP FOR GOM, AS COMPARED TO USUAL ABSTENTION ON SUCH ISSUES, AND THIS WAS PERHAPS BEST THAT COULD BE HOPED FOR. AT SAME TIME, I SAID I WOULD REPORT KOREAN AMB'S NEW INFO TO WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK AND SEEK REACTION.

3. WE HAVE, OF COURSE, THUS FAR KEPT OUR EFFORTS ON KOREAN QUESTION IN LOW KEY PER REFTEL A. I AM NOT OPTIMISTIC GOM CAN BE PERSUADED TO COSPONSOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION, BUT I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO WEIGHING IN IF DEPT BELIEVES IT DESIRABLE. ON OTHER HAND, FONMIN LEAVING FOR NEW YORK SHORTLY, AND IT MAY BE PREFERABLE TO TAKE UP MATTER WITH HIM THERE. (KOREAN AMB SAYS LARAKI NOW DEPARTING FOR UN SEPT 22, INSTEAD OF SEPT 23 AS LARAKI HAD INFORMED ME PREVIOUSLY--RABAT 4419.) I WOULD THEREFORE NEED INSTRUCTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF I AM TO CATCH HIM HERE.
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